

MICHAEL F. EASLEY

## ZEBULON D. ALLEY

## HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine is the highest civilian honor that can be bestowed by the Governor of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in August of 1996, Zebulon D. Alley received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from Governor James B. Hunt for his many years of dedicated service to the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Zebulon D. Alley, a Korean war veteran and recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart has served his country with great honor and valor; and

WHEREAS, Zebulon D. Alley went on to serve the state of North Carolina in many roles such as: the North Carolina State Senate, Commissioner of the North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Control Commission, legislative counsel for Governor James B. Hunt and numerous other boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, Zebulon D. Alley has always represented himself with dignity and pride in conducting business in the hall of justice in Haywood County or the halls of the legislative building on Jones Street; and

WHEREAS, Zebulon D. Alley has lived a long prolific life providing much entertainment and service to the State of North Carolina and our citizens; and

WHEREAS, for almost 20 years Zebulon D. Alley has been recognized as one of the "most influential lobbyists" in the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, while we will all not breathe a word to anyone that Zebulon D. Alley is close to departing the age of innocence, also known as his "seventies," and must now be held to higher standards of accountability and sobriety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby wish **ZEBULON D. ALLEY** a Happy Birthday and encourage all North Carolinians to join me in wishing him many more and best wishes for continued success in the future.



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IN WITNESS F, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in a sight this seventh day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.